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We will highlight the top five people and "things" and give them the recognition you think they deserve.

It's time for you to tell the rest of Canada — and your neighbours — what makes Ottawa so unique and a great place to live.

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Seb Oran, cofounder of the Ottawa chapter of Bicycles for Humanity, left, gets some help from volunteer Meaghan Curran at Jack May Pontiac Buick GMC, one of five bike collection locations. Over the weekend, B4H collected over 400 bikes to be shipped to Namibia.

# Trash to treasure

## Group gives used bikes a second life in Africa

Sunny Side

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**To the average Ottawa resident, a bicycle is a simple transport tool or used for recreation.**

But for someone living in Namibia — a nation in southern Africa marred by poverty and HIV — a bike can change a life.

For the past three years, Ottawa residents and friends Seb Oran and Sandra Gattola have been connecting these two worlds, putting bikes from the National Capital Region to good use in a third world country.

Over the weekend, Bicycles for Humanity collected more than 400 bicycles in a drive that will help improve access to health care, education, food, water and employment.

Bicycles in garages or basements can make an incredible difference to those in need of transportation, said Oran, who cofounded the Ottawa chapter of B4H — today one of 20 across North America — with Gattola in 2007.

"Just a simple bicycle — something we use for recreation purposes here — is an empowerment tool there," Oran said.

Barrhaven resident Ron Radbourne salvaged bikes that had been tossed with the neighbours' trash. He fixed them up and donated them to the organization.

**1,300** The Ottawa chapter of Bicycles for Humanity will surpass 1,300 bikes collected this month.

"It's great someone can use them," he said. "We've got so much in this country that it's great we can help."

The donated bicycles are shipped to Namibia, where the Bicycling Empowerment Network will distribute them.

While some of the bikes go to health-care workers to help them travel to meet patients, others to go to orphaned youth to help them attend school. The rest are fixed up and sold, with the profits going to House of Love, a community-based organization for orphaned and vulnerable children.

"It greatly increases their livelihood and productivity," said Oran.

Last year, the women travelled to Namibia to see the result of their work.

"When you see how it improves one human's life ... I don't think there's anything more powerful than that," Oran said.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the impact at the other end," said Gattola, "but also meeting all the wonderful people that live right here in the city."

"You really realize that nobody is too small to make a difference," Oran said. "By doing something as simple as donating a bicycle, you can make a difference."

## Initiatives
### across the country

**HALIFAX** Cyclists of all ages and skill levels, and other self-propelled people on wheels, rode over to the Halifax Commons yesterday afternoon to celebrate sustainable and active transportation. The open street party was part of Bike Week, which kicked off last Friday and runs through Sunday.

**VANCOUVER** In Vancouver, Oscar-winner Goldie Hawn joined several local community leaders at a gala held by the Face the World Foundation this weekend that raised about $800,000 for various charities in that city. It's a winning fundraising formula: Throw a big party to raise big money. For her part, Hawn said she'll "support anything for children."

**TORONTO** OpenCity Projects, a three-year-old consultancy firm, uses strategic design to make public spaces and the communication between Toronto communities more meaningful experiences. Last year, the firm partnered with the City of Toronto to enlist third-year industrial design students to identify opportunities to enhance neighbourhood experiences.

**EDMONTON** "Knowing the farmers that grow my food can make a living is critically important. More of the money we're spending on food can stay in our community," said Jessie Radies of the Good Food Box Project, one of two recent initiatives to make eating local easier.

**CALGARY** The Lilac festival drew record crowds yesterday expected to surpass 100,000 people. "We had two private businesses give us free parking for our visitors ... and every year the support keeps growing," 4th Street BRZ director Jennifer Rempel said.

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**Man killed in Friday collision**
A male driver died Friday after a two-vehicle collision on Fisher at Deer Park and Dynes roads. A female passenger from the same vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries. METRO OTTAWA

# Local

## City man stacks up his hotels

**An Ottawa resident has claimed the title of 2009 Monopoly Canadian champion. After three days of dice rolling and deal making, Will Lusby defeated 47 other Monopoly enthusiasts at the Montreal Science Centre to win the title, $15,000, and the honour of representing Canada at the 13th Monopoly World Championships in Las Vegas this October.** METRO OTTAWA

## News in brief

**GUNPOINT** A Subway restaurant on Hazeldean Road was robbed at gunpoint Saturday night. The robber fled and got into the passenger seat of a newer model silver Honda Civic. Police are seeking an English-speaking black male.

**THEFTS** Ottawa police are seeking a suspect after investigating numerous thefts from vehicle incidents over the past two months where wallets and credit cards were stolen and later used. Police are seeking a white male between 20 and 30 years of age with a stocky build.

**CHARGES** Police arrested three Ottawa residents over the weekend after executing a search warrant at a Holland Avenue address. Hue-Phan Tran, 36, and Yingling Feng, 46, face bawdy house charges and of living off the avails of prostitution. A male is expected to be referred to John School.

**BANKS** Police are seeking two suspects after two separate robberies targeted TD Canada Trust branches Friday. The branch at 337 Richmond Rd. was robbed at 5 p.m., while an Innes Road branch was robbed at 7:50. Police seek two black males.

**SUSPICIOUS** Police are investigating a suspicious incident that occurred in the city's east end Friday. A nine-year-old boy was on his way home when a vehicle described as an older green vehicle with a dent in the trunk and tinted windows, pulled beside the boy and asked him to get in the car. Police are seeking a female in her 40s. METRO OTTAWA

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What's online today.

**Video** A faltering U.S. dollar and a surging loonie may be trouble for Canadian economy at **metronews.ca/canada**

**Immigration** Guidy Mamann details new U.S. border ID requirements beginning today at **metronews.ca/immigration**

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# Putting love in their hearts

## Participants pledge to practise some virtue in Walk for Values

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**Of the many walks that take place in the Ottawa community, one held downtown yesterday wasn't looking for any money. But it was asking its participants to make a pledge.**

The seventh annual Walk for Values — a non-political and non-religious event held on the city-proclaimed Walk for Values Day — asked its 100 participants to pledge to truth, right conduct, love, peace, and non-violence for a year.

"This walk isn't about money," organizer Dipali Arun, who pledged to love and truth. "Money comes and goes. Morality comes and grows. Values are something that don't deplete. All you can do is grow them."

The walk reaffirms the commitment to love, truth and peace, said Ottawa-Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi, who attended the event with Coun. Diane Deans.

"We're trying to raise awareness of positive human values," said walk spokeswoman Nina Mukerjee.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa residents take part in the seventh annual Walk for Values organized by the Sri Sathya Sai Spiritual Centre of Ottawa-Carleton. The non-religious, non-political march, which began at Parliament Hill yesterday, was intended to raise awareness for the practice of human values.

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"Things are getting worse — there are so many problems plaguing us these days — bullying in school, gang wars in the streets.

"Each person here pledges to practise one value — like patience or optimism — for the next year."

Mukerjee said her pledge is to non-violence.

The walk is one of many that took place across the country yesterday in cities including Toronto and Regina, and in the U.S., Australia and Malaysia, and India.

The Sri Sathya Sai Spiritual Centre of Ottawa-Carleton organized the event here, and people from as far as Montreal and Massena, New York attended.

Balwant Bhaneja also pledged to a year of peace and non-violence.

"When you have peace on the outside, you also have peace on the inside," said Bhaneja. He hopes the walk will help make Ottawa a better place.

# More than $6M raised for CHEO

**RECORD** Supporters of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario have come through for the kids once again.

The 24-hour 2009 CHEO Telethon raised a record grand total of $6,175,843, organizers announced last night.

CHEO supporters phoned in more than $675,000 worth of pledges over the course of the broadcast, which ran from 7 p.m. Saturday to 7 p.m. last night. The rest of the money was raised through individual and corporate donations and special fundraising events.

"Whether it's a service club, company or an individual donor, you see the same sense of caring that inspires each and every person," said president and CEO of the CHEO Foundation Fred Bartlett. "We are always touched at this outpouring of support."

Funds raised go towards research, new equipment, training staff, enhancing the pediatric nature of the hospital and assisting families in crisis.

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# Good education important for women: Award recipient

Young women can achieve a lot in their lifetimes, but it is very important that they get a good education, said Dr. Huguette Labelle, this year's Y Women of Distinction Scotiabank Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

Labelle

"I always press them to continue their studies, to go on to university and college," she said. "This will not only give them knowledge but the self-confidence and greater opportunities that they would not have had without higher education."

The award, she said, demonstrates to younger women that there are all kinds of possibilities in terms of what they can do.

Labelle is a Companion of the Order of Canada since 2001, and an Officer since 1989. She is the chancellor of the University of Ottawa and throughout her career as a public servant, broke ground for many women — she was the first woman to head the Red Cross in Canada and the first Francophone woman to rise to the position of deputy minister in the federal government.

Early in her career, Labelle said she was frequently the first woman appointed as chair of a board or to executive positions within the government. Over time, she said more women have been appointed and promoted in the government.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

**Y awards**

- Dr. Labelle will receive her award tonight at the Y Women of Distinction Awards at the National Arts Centre.
- She is the only previously announced winner out of 42 women nominated in 10 categories.

# Dutch and their bicycling ways give Ottawans a little direction

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When it comes to commuting by bicycle, there's a thing or two Ottawa residents can learn from the Dutch.

According to Wim Geerts, the Dutch ambassador to Canada, there are more bicycles in the Netherlands than people and it's not uncommon to see members of parliament or the royal family out for a ride.

In fact, nearly one-third of the Dutch population rides their bikes to work, he said, and no other country in the world has as many bike paths.

While Ottawa is also a wonderful city for cyclists, it is still far behind the Netherlands, with less than two per cent of commuters using bicycles.

"In the Netherlands, approximately 10 per cent of our population is considered obese. In Canada, it's 20 per cent," said Geerts.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Coun. Clive Doucet, left, and Wim Geerts, ambassador of the Netherlands to Canada, unveiled a Dutch wayfinding "mushroom" signpost.

Yesterday, Geerts kicked-off the Go Green, Go Dutch, Go Bike event in Ottawa with a group ride from Pretoria Bridge to the statue of the Man with Two Hats, at Dow's Lake.

Along the way, he and Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet unveiled a "ANWB paddestoel," or a way-finding mushroom near the Bank Street Bridge.

There are thousands of the "mushrooms" in the Netherlands, said Geerts, and he said he's hoping many more start popping up in Canada as well.

Doucet called the mushroom a very humble start to a great occasion.

"All our roads, all our signs are designed for people in big cars pressing on accelerators. These things are not just cute. They are immensely useful," said Doucet.

Doucet said knowing how to use Ottawa bike paths and knowing the distances to landmarks will make it easier for cyclists to get around the city.

**Food, wine, fashion and opera**
Ottawa's Opera Lyra kicks off its 2009 season with a garden party June 25. The event features an evening of opera arias, ensembles, fashion, food and wine. METRO OTTAWA

# Take the challenge, commuters

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**At one time or another, many city residents have toyed with the idea of abandoning their cars in favour of a stress-free bus ride to work. This week offers a good excuse to actually try it.**

To coincide with Environment Week, the Sierra Club of Canada is holding its 2009 Commuter Challenge.

Through Saturday, residents are encouraged to get to work by cycling, walking, using public transit or carpooling — anything but driving to work alone.

More than 3,800 people in the National Capital Region are expected to participate in this national program, said local Commuter Challenge organizer and national climate change campaigner for the Sierra Club of Canada Mike Buckthought. Canada-wide, 32,000 people will take part.

People in Ottawa should have it easier than residents in many other cities, Buckthought said. "We are very fortunate to have a good public transit system and a lot of bike routes."

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Still, Ottawa could invest more money in public transit and bicycle routes, he said. In Copenhagen, for example, 40 per cent of people bike to work, a number expected to increase to 50 per cent, he said.

Residents can sign up at commuterchallenge.com.

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**Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open.** This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

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# Rebuilding Veronese's historic altarpiece

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An exhibition that opened at the National Gallery of Canada over the weekend explains how a famous artwork was restored to its former glory.

The four pieces of Paolo Veronese's historic work, the Petrobelli Altarpiece, have been reunited some 400 years after their original creation, and together, will tell a tale of 18th-century vandalism, 19th-century collecting, modern conservation and 21st-century scholarship.

**"The reunification of these four pieces will make this marvelous work accessible."** Marc Mayer

"The reunification of these four pieces will make this marvelous work accessible to the public and scholars alike," said NGC director Marc Mayer.

Around 1563, Paolo Veronese created an altarpiece — a large, arched work to be placed in a high stone portico — that comprised three main groups of figures standing in a triangle. Centuries later, the work was cut into pieces by art dealers who saw the value in selling it in smaller sections.

These changed hands many times. While one of the pieces suffered serious damage in its travels, the NGC's restoration team, composed of Stephen Gritt and Tomas Markevicius, spent two years restoring it. Putting the pieces together happened through a partnership between the National Gallery of Canada, the Dulwich Picture Gallery London, the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin, Texas, and the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh.

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**Ex-presidents trade jokes**

Former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton traded jokes about life after the Oval Office and took turns defending each other as they shared a stage in Toronto Friday to discuss global affairs. REUTERS

# Canada

## Feds writing terror lawsuit legislation

**The federal government will soon introduce legislation that will allow victims of terrorism to sue perpetrators in Canadian courts, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yestserday, CBC News Online reports. Harper made the announcement at a Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) event in Toronto where he received the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award. He said the legislation would allow "victims of terrorism to seek justice against individuals, organizations and foreign states that support terrorism."** METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Partisan attack ads backfiring: Poll

**POLITICS** The Conservatives' biting partisan attack ads aimed at Michael Ignatieff are taking a toll — on Prime Minister Stephen Harper as well as the Liberal leader, according to a new poll.

The Toronto Star/Angus Reid survey shows the Liberals have a two-point lead nationwide and are making gains in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec, provinces that will be key in the next election.

Meanwhile, NDP Leader Jack Layton has doused cold water on the possibility of an election call in the coming weeks, saying his party won't be seeking to topple the minority Conservative government.

"We won't be moving a non-confidence motion. We're going to try to move motions that get results for people," Layton told CTV's Question Period yesterday. "As to what the other parties will do, of course they'll have to make up their own minds, and we're prepared for an election if it comes to it," he said.

Election speculation has ramped up in recent weeks, fuelled by opposition demands to reform employment insurance, and the Conservatives' own ad campaign that attacks Ignatieff's 34 years abroad. However, while 42 per cent of poll respondents said their opinion of Ignatieff worsened after seeing the ad about Ignatieff, 50 per cent said their opinion of Harper also worsened.

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## Smaller is better: Study

**SCHOOLS** Smaller high schools, which are disappearing across the province as boards look to cut costs, are better for teens, says a report to be released today by People for Education.

At such schools teens feel more connected, are more involved in activities, attend class more often and graduate in higher numbers, the report explains. The ideal size for a high school is between 600 to 900 students, says the report, which also tracked the number of schools slated to close across the province. In Ontario, the average secondary school has 812 students.

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# Border rules tightening up

## U.S. customs officers will scold those without proper ID, says rep

**The American border tightens today — sort of.**

Despite new documentation requirements coming into effect today, Canadians will still be allowed across the U.S. border without a passport or enhanced driver's licence during this summer travel season.

They'll just be scolded a little.

"We're going to be flexible, we're going to go on a case-by-case basis," said Joanne Ferreira, spokesperson for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"Travellers that do not have the documents, they might face delays as our (border) officers will have to confirm their identity and citizenship," she said.

"But we're encouraging travellers to continue with their travel plans and to apply for their documents — if they don't have them, to apply now."

Ferreira said officials will record each time someone crosses without the proper travel documents, which means travellers might face increasing delays if they continue to set out without the proper identification.

And they will probably be reprimanded.

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### New regulations

- As of June 1, all Canadians and Americans seeking to enter the U.S. are supposed to have a passport, an enhanced driver's licence or a trusted traveller card, instead of the birth certificate and government-issued photo identification that had been accepted up to today. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada cards and U.S. passport cards can also be used.
- While more than 54 per cent of Canadians have passports, only about 30 per cent of Americans do, which is disconcerting for Canadian businesses that rely on traffic from the south.

## Braidwood to hear final arguments

**TASER INQUIRY** A nearly year-long investigation by the RCMP into the action of the four members in the Tasering and death of Robert Dzekanski was forwarded to Crown counsel in B.C., which concluded last December that criminal charges were unlikely to result in convictions.

Next month, retired judge Thomas Braidwood will hear final arguments by the lawyers who have been attending the inquiry. Taser International is represented, and so is the Vancouver International Airport, the union for border security guards and workers at the facility and the city of Richmond.

The main lawyers have been the four lawyers representing the individual officers and the federal government as well as lawyers for Dziekanski's family and the government of Poland.

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## Toronto **Brainiac**

RICK MADONIK/TORONTO SUN/QMI AGENCY

Eighteen-year-old Torontonian Sean Amodeo went head to head this weekend with other teens at McMaster University at the Canadian National Brain Bee, sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Amodeo was the last brainiac left standing after a gruelling day of lab work, a written exam, patient diagnosis and a Jeopardy-style elimination round.

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**Pakistani military gains foothold on town**
Pakistani forces consolidated their hold on a main town in the Swat valley yesterday and began trucking supplies to 40,000 civilians stranded there. REUTERS

# World

## Whales killed in South Africa

**At least 55 whales stranded on a beach near Cape Town were put down or died after rescue teams failed to return them to the ocean, a sea rescue institute said yesterday. Scientists shot 42 of the false killer whales on Saturday and 13 others perished, possibly from internal injuries, at Kommetjie Beach, the National Sea Rescue Institute said.** REUTERS

# Abortion doctor shot to death at church

**A Kansas doctor who was a controversial provider of so-called "late-term" abortions was shot and killed at his church yesterday, local media reported.**

The Wichita Eagle newspaper reported that 67-year-old George Tiller, a longtime target of anti-abortion activists, was shot to death as he walked into services at at Reformation Lutheran Church. Police are searching for a white male who fled the scene after shooting Tiller with a handgun, local media reported.

Tiller's clinic in Wichita has been the site of mass protests by anti-abortion groups and was bombed in 1985. Tiller was shot and wounded by an abortion opponent in 1993.

Abortions are generally considered late-term when they are performed after the 20th week of gestation on fetuses potentially old enough to survive outside the womb.

Anti-abortion group Operation Rescue said it was shocked by the news.

"We denounce vigilantism and the cowardly act that took place this morning. We pray for Mr. Tiller's family that they will find comfort and healing that can only be found in Jesus Christ," the group said in a statement on its website.

REUTERS

## India **Protesting violence**

AMIT DAVE/REUTERS

Family protest against recent attacks on Indian students in Australia, in Ahmedabad, India, yesterday. The attacks, which Indian media have called race-based, have caused diplomatic discomfort, with India summoning the Australian ambassador last week to convey its concern and urge action.

## **News** in brief

**CANCER** Drugs that block a cell repair enzyme known as PARP show promise as treatments for some of the most aggressive and difficult-to-treat forms of breast cancer, according to new research. Mid-stage results from a PARP inhibitor show that it improved survival by 60 per cent.

**DIPLOMACY** The U.S. and Cuba have agreed to resume talks on migration, and open discussion on establishing mail service. REUTERS

# Logging life on Earth online

Scientists have asked people around the world today to help compile an Internet-based observatory of life on Earth as a guide to everything from the impact of climate change on wildlife to pests that can damage crops.

"I would hope that ... we might even have millions of people providing data," James Edwards, head of the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) based at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, told Reuters of the 10-year project.

He said scientific organizations were already working to link up thousands of computer databases of animals and plants into a one-stop virtual observatory that could be similar to global systems for monitoring weather or earthquakes.

People in many countries already log observations on the Internet, ranging from sightings of rare birds in Canada to the dates on which flowers bloom in spring in Australia. The new system, when up and running, would link up the disparate sites. REUTERS

### e-Biosphere

- About 400 biology and technology experts from 50 countries will meet in London this week at an "e-Biosphere" conference. The EOL is separately trying to describe the world's species online.

# Russian police quash protest

**DISSENT** Russian riot police detained 33 opposition demonstrators yesterday as they attempted to stage a protest demanding Prime Minister Vladimir Putin resign for his handling of the economic crisis.

Russia is entering the worst recession in at least a decade and unemployment has soared to 7.7 million, but public expressions of discontent are still rare.

Protesters carrying banners saying "Putin resign" and "Stop unemployment" were detained by riot police as they lit red flares and walked onto one of central Moscow's busiest avenues, a Reuters reporter said.

Hundreds of riot police stood in groups on Triumfalnaya Square and arrested activists as they came out of the metro to join the unsanctioned protest.

"The riot police detained all of the protesters as they unfurled banners demanding Putin resign," Mikhail Velmakin, a leader of a group which says it wants to overthrow the political system created by Putin, said before being led away by police. REUTERS

## N. Korea could launch missile

**NUCLEAR** North Korea could this month test-fire a long-range missile designed to strike U.S. territory and may also be gearing up for skirmishes with the South around their disputed sea border, South Korean news reports said yesterday. North Korea last week unleashed provocations rarely seen since the 1950-53 Korean War with a nuclear test that put it closer to having a working atomic bomb, short-range missile tests and threats to attack the South. It also warned of further measures if the United Nations tries to punish it. In another move that could further stoke tensions, North Korea plans to hold a trial on Thursday for two U.S. journalists it took into custody along its border with China several months ago after charging them with "hostile acts." REUTERS

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## Comment

# I am Viking. Hear me roar

HineSight

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Recently, this column ran a contest to help me find a new hobby. Due to overwhelming reader demand (someone wrote in who I am not related to) I'm pleased to provide this update.

The activity I chose was dragon boating. Unfortunately, I ran into one insurmountable obstacle in taking up that hobby. I found out what it is. An online promo read, "Are you ready for some ab-crunching, lung-busting fun?" I decided I'm really not.

Instead, I went Viking boating.

Vikings were a scrappy, warrior-like people, living in one of those periods of history when life was "nasty, brutish and short." For many people, the Vikings were responsible for the "short" part.

A Viking's Facebook page would read: "Hobbies: Hanging with friends, stripping naked, painting body red then descending on unsuspecting towns, howling at top of lungs." They were a little like our modern-day soccer fans except unwashed, liquored up and totally bent on complete annihilation of the other side. OK, they were a lot like soccer fans.

Arriving at the boat club, I could see some subtle changes have taken place in the last thousand years. It's possible, for instance, that real Vikings did not wear Lululemon yoga pants. And shorts designed to keep delicate tushies from rubbing uncomfortably on the boat seat. Possibly that's what caused all the howling.

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First, we were introduced to some of the challenges of Viking boating. For my group this included "getting into the boat." The teacher offered helpful instruction such as, "Stop getting in from the side. Enter from the stern. No, the other stern. The pointy end. No, the other pointy end. Everyone just get in from the side."

I learned that "fixed carriage" means the oar cannot slip from your hands as you paddle and go sailing off down the bay. I also learned, however, that it may get hopelessly jammed in someone else's oar, has to be removed from the oar lock, then slip from your hands and go sailing off down the bay.

Our crew wasn't entirely hopeless. We got trounced in the practice races, but on the way into shore, miraculously, we found our groove. We pulled together. Didn't "over-dip." Suddenly, we shot past the other boats. The fact that they were practising paddling backward at the time didn't dampen our excitement for a moment.

Will I do it again? Absolutely. I am Viking. Hear me roar. Now, I'm going right out to get some Lululemon pants.

*Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.*

MICHAEL DE ADDER

## Views

# Food, drink proposal tough to swallow

InTransit

**Kim Mannix Vermette**

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About a year ago, I was waiting for a bus on Wellington Street when two teens asked me if it was going to be OK for them to bring their recently purchased smoothies on the bus.

I kind of laughed and said, "Of course." I must have given them a strange look, because they explained they were from Vancouver, where food and drink weren't allowed on the transit system.

It struck me as a little funny, since in the cities I've lived in it's always been OK to eat and drink on the transit system. I've always assumed that rider comfort, and the difficulty in enforcing such a ban on moving transit, meant most cities didn't bother with enforcing those rules.

It's why I was surprised by OC Transpo's proposal to ban food and drink in a report presented at city hall this past Friday.

"Bus hygiene," as it was called, was identified as a problem that transit general manager Alain Mercier would like to address by next fall.

In the five years I've been a regular bus rider in Ottawa, I've rarely seen those people drinking juice, or eating a quick sandwich, leave a mess behind. Of course, I know it happens, and maybe those who clean the buses are exceptional at gathering the garbage and removing stains, but I suspect it also has a lot to do with rider courtesy.

Mercier cites allowing food and drink on public transit as a "huge cost factor," presumably because of the cleanup involved, but I find it tough to swallow.

Buses will continue to need cleaning, with or without eating and drinking while we ride. We've all seen what a day of rain or a sloppy winter day does to the floors, seats and windows.

And for the many people in this city who find themselves on one-hour-plus commutes, the inability to be comforted by that morning cup of coffee or rushed lunch will certainly be an inconvenience and an annoyance.

Interestingly, as part of its report, OC Transpo also released stats from its annual survey on customer service. It found that, so far in 2009, the overall mood and atmosphere of the bus is 75 per cent, while the condition of seats gets 88 per cent and the absence of garbage is at 74 per cent.

Perhaps, rather than taking away riders' ability to eat and drink in transit, and attempting to enforce another rule that will likely be ignored, OC Transpo can give us a little credit or a gentle reminder to take some pride in the buses we ride and pick up our own mess.

*Lifelong transit rider Kim Mannix Vermette has lived in Ottawa for almost five years. She actually enjoys taking the bus.*

## Letters

### Student a role model for family and community

Sunny Side

We all know the stats on refugees and immigrants: Often mired in poverty, the children are especially affected by the financial circumstances created when they move to their new country with little more than the shirts on their backs.

But there is reason to hope.

Jimmy was one of six children who came to Canada for a better life along with their mother. Most teenagers Jimmy's age are working part time to finance their iPods and cellphone bills, and also to save for their post-secondary education. Jimmy worked after school to support his family. Despite this responsibility, Jimmy still managed to do hundreds of volunteer hours at a local hospital.

Over the summer, Jimmy obtained minimum-wage employment as a janitor, working seven days a week, hoping to scrape up enough money to pay for his first semester at the University of Ottawa. His lifelong dream is to become a mechanical engineer. He wants to design limbs for those affected by war, and work in other fields related to international development.

Just three weeks before frosh week, Jimmy was awarded a scholarship. His freshmen year at the university will be paid for.

Jimmy is not just a role model for his siblings, who hope to follow in the footsteps of their hero, he is a role model for the whole community.

**RACHEL DECOSTE, OTTAWA**

### Everyone needs to pull together to help the planet

This continuing discussion and horse trading over carbon credits and such is just rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. By the most reliable measures, we're seriously behind schedule and a good distance up the creek with a very small paddle.

If every corporation, public body and individual did their very best to preserve the ozone layer instead of looking for loopholes to idle through, this civilization, this planet might just make it through the next 50 years.

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**Italian government under fire for inaction over Fiat plans**

Italy's government is under fire from unions and opposition politicians for failing to back carmaker Fiat and persuade Germany it would be the best partner for Opel, the European arm of General Motors. Germany on Saturday sealed a deal with Canadian auto-parts group Magna to save Opel from GM's imminent bankruptcy. REUTERS

# Business

## Punky ads in U.K. a hit

**Punk musicians are powering advertising in the United Kingdom and sending sales soaring. Sex Pistols frontman Johnny Rotten, left, now known as John Lydon, stars in popular TV commercials for the butter brand Country Life, while punk forefather Iggy Pop stars in ads for the online car insurance brand Swiftcover.** REUTERS

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## U.S. plans to cut deficits quickly, Geithner says

**DEBT** U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, aiming to persuade China that its U.S. investments were safe, pledged that the Obama administration was firmly committed to ratcheting down huge deficits as quickly as it can once economic recovery is assured.

During the past week, uneasiness in financial markets over soaring U.S. budget deficits has driven interest rates up and added to worry about whether there will be buyers for U.S. debt securities.

China is the largest single purchaser of U.S. Treasury debt and already has shifted investment of some of its reserves to shorter-term maturities, a sign that it may fear the U.S. will be forced to push interest rates up. REUTERS

# Loonie on the rise

## Dollar has grown 9.5% since end of April: Data

**The Canadian dollar roared ahead again last Friday, firing on all cylinders as the greenback retreated, crude oil prices climbed and blue-chip stocks rallied in New York.**

By the time the dust settled, the loonie had gained 1.9 cents US to $91.60 cents. The currency has risen by 9.5 per cent since April 30, the most since at least October 1950, according to Bloomberg data.

"I think the biggest driver is extreme U.S. dollar weakness that we are seeing across currencies," said Camilla Sutton, a currency strategist at Scotia Capital.

"Sentiment has turned against the U.S. dollar. The positive U.S. dollar flows that we were seeing earlier this year and the fall of last year have essentially disappeared as risk aversion has come back down to more normal levels."

**"I think the biggest driver is the extreme U.S. dollar weakness we are seeing across currencies."**
Camilla Sutton, Scotia Capital

As the U.S. dollar moves back to its pre-financial crisis levels, it is rapidly losing ground against the loonie, the Australian dollar, the euro and other foreign currencies.

For its part, the loonie's climb is also being buttressed by a fresh surge in crude oil prices. On Friday, light sweet crude for May delivery rose $1.23 to $66.31 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

And while Canada's benchmark stock index closed slightly lower, American markets continued their rally. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 96.53 points to 8,500.33, while the Nasdaq moved 22.54 points higher to 1,774.33.

Analysts said those gains signal increased optimism about the global economy — bullish sentiment that bodes well for petro-currencies such as the loonie. If those trends continue, the it could easily hit 93 cents in the coming weeks, said George Davis, chief foreign exchange strategist with RBC Capital Markets. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## India Welcoming Wal-Mart

MANISH SWARUP/REUTERS

Policemen stand inside the first cash-and-carry Wal-Mart store during its inauguration ceremony in the northern Indian city of Amritsar Saturday. Bharti Wal-Mart is the joint venture between the American retailer and India's Bharti Enterprises.

# Bankruptcy plans finalized for GM

**AUTO** General Motors Corp. and the U.S. government finalized plans yesterday for the battered automaker to reorganize, as a majority of debtholders helped clear the way to a massive bankruptcy filing expected today.

President Barack Obama is expected today to publicly discuss GM's next steps as the U.S. government prepares to assume more than two-thirds control of the company in exchange for tens of billions of dollars in assistance.

Since last week, GM has been racing to complete a series of last-minute deals intended to help speed its way through a fast-track bankruptcy that would see it emerge under the majority ownership of the U.S. government.

Bondholders have been one of the last pieces to fall into GM's complicated bankruptcy puzzle under the direction of the autos task force. Investors representing about 54 per cent of GM's $27.2 billion US of bonds have indicated support for a U.S. Treasury-brokered swap of debt for equity that could help speed the automaker's way through bankruptcy. REUTERS

# Grain, oilseed rally points to gains for farm providers

**FORECAST** A rally in grain and oilseed prices will likely give a further boost to shares of Canadian companies that provide farmers with everything from fertilizer to tractors.

That's welcome news for a sector that was hammered by the global financial crisis, which knocked grain prices from record highs and prompted many farmers to rethink spending plans.

Robert Winslow, an analyst with Wellington West Capital Markets, said potential winners include Hemisphere GPS, a farm technology provider, and Ag Growth Income Fund, a maker of grain augers and bins, which serves overseas markets where demand is especially sensitive to grain prices. REUTERS

### Price jump

- Benchmark July futures prices of spring wheat and canola have jumped 28 per cent and nine per cent respectively since March 30.

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# Sports

## Stars hire Nieuwendyk

**The Dallas Stars have hired Joe Nieuwendyk, left, to be their new general manager. Nieuwendyk, who played seven of his 20 NHL seasons in Dallas, served as special assistant to Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke this season.**
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# Wings take a 2-0 lead

Stanley Cup
2009 **Final**

**(Detroit leads series 2-0)**

**Pittsburgh** 1 **Detroit** 3

VS

**Chris Osgood was solid once again between the pipes, making 31 saves, as Detroit inched a step closer on its long journey to a second consecutive title with a 3-1 win over Pittsburgh in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit last night.**

Jonathan Ericsson, Valtteri Filppula and Justin Abdelkader scored in succession following a first-period tally from Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin.

It was a similar result from the series opener on Saturday, when Osgood also made 31 saves in another 3-1 Detroit win.

Tomas Holmstrom collected two assists for the Red Wings, who are attempting to become the first club to repeat as champions since they did it themselves in 1997 and '98.

Marc-Andre Fleury allowed three goals on 26 shots for Pittsburgh, which is in familiar territory after dropping the first two games of the Cup Finals last year in Detroit as well.

The Red Wings will try to grab a stranglehold of the best-of-seven set when it shifts to the Steel City for Game 3 tomorrow.
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Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury stops a shot from Detroit's Henrik Zetterberg last night during Game 2 of the 2009 Stanley Cup final at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The Red Wings won 3-1.

## Remember the Voyageurs

JustSoccer

**Ben Rycroft**
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To know where you're going, you have to know where you've been.

And as another widely successful Nutrilite Canadian Championship reaches its culmination tomorrow with the Vancouver Whitecaps hosting Toronto FC, it's important to remember how the Voyageurs Cup came to be.

The emergence of MLS teams, coupled with a growing infrastructure and the largest youth participation in Canada, has soccer quickly approaching a tipping point. The game will soon be talked of and covered in the same way that baseball, hockey and football are.

But back in 2002, when soccer was still just a blip on the sporting radar, a group of supporters called the Voyageurs were sick of waiting for a national championship to be created by the governing bodies and took it upon themselves to do just that.

They bought a trophy, got Canada's USL-1 clubs (which then included Vancouver, Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto) to embrace the idea and began awarding the trophy to the 'national champion' each year.

From the beginning, the Montreal Impact were the most ardent supporter of the idea. No matter how they were doing that season, they invested significant time and energy into winning the Voyageurs Cup, which meant having the best record against all the other Canadian teams.

Former Impact head coach John Limniatis spent significant time on It's Called Football earlier this year bragging to me about how they would once again win it this season and suggested the cup was best served being kept in its permanent home of Montreal. Winning a competition seven straight times will do that to you.

But as the game grows and the competition moves forward, there is a fear among the Voyageurs that the Cup's history will be lost. Already, most who know of this tournament refer to it as the Nutrilite or Canadian Cup. The Voyageurs tag has been pushed to the side.

Soccer has grown in Canada because of efforts on the grassroots level. The Voyageurs Cup was born from that, it deserves to be spoken of and remembered as such.

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## Sports in brief

**MILESTONE** Jamie Moyer went six strong innings to win his 250th career game, and the Philadelphia Phillies won their third straight, 4-2 over the bumbling Washington Nationals on Sunday. The 46-year-old Moyer is the 46th player to win 250 games, and only the 11th left-hander to join the exclusive list.

**MLS** Jeff Cunningham and Kenny Cooper scored as FC Dallas handed the Chicago Fire their first loss of the season with a 3-0 victory yesterday. The loss ended the Fire's unbeaten streak at 11.

**ITALY** Carlo Ancelotti has quit as coach of AC Milan, seemingly paving the way for him to take over at Premier League club Chelsea. Ancelotti announced his decision after Milan finished second in Italy's Serie A.

**VOTTO** The Cincinnati Reds placed first baseman Joey Votto on the 15-day disabled list Saturday, citing stress-related issues linked to his recent struggles with an inner ear infection. Votto, a Toronto native, missed 12 starts during a 17-game stretch this month.

**CYCLING** Denis Menchov of Russia won the 100th anniversary edition of the Giro d'Italia cycling event yesterday despite falling in the final kilometre. Menchov finished 41 seconds ahead of Danilo Di Luca, while Franco Pellizotti finished third, 1:59 back. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Nadal eliminated at French Open

**TENNIS** A seismic shock rippled through Roland Garros yesterday when the unthinkable finally happened — claycourt king Rafael Nadal's aura of invincibility was pierced, punctured and finally ripped apart.

Robin Soderling was barely known outside tennis circles, but the disarming Swede played the match of his life to humble arguably the greatest ever claycourter 6-2, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 in the fourth round of the French Open after 3½ hours of high drama.

Soderling left the world No. 1 and a capacity crowd on Philippe Chatrier Court flabbergasted as he handed the Spaniard his first defeat at Roland Garros and left his dreams of a record fifth consecutive title in tatters.

"That's the end of the road, and I have to accept it. I have to accept my defeat as I accepted my victories: with calm," said Nadal, who had not lost a set here since the 2007 final against Roger Federer. REUTERS

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Rafael Nadal, winner of the last four French Open tournaments, was eliminated yesterday following a fourth-round loss.

# Blue Jays lose to Red Sox, but win series

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**BASEBALL** Jon Lester struck out 12 in a solid six-inning start and Dustin Pedroia hit a three-run homer, as the Red Sox avoided a three-game sweep by Toronto with an 8-2 win at Rogers Centre.

Kevin Youkilis smacked a pair of solo home runs, walked and scored three runs while Lester (4-5) scattered three hits and one run while walking three to pick up a win for the second time in three starts.

Trail, B.C., native Jason Bay homered, doubled and walked twice for the Red Sox, who had dropped four of their last five.

Alex Rios hit a solo homer and Marco Scutaro had two hits and scored a run as the Blue Jays were limited to five hits in the setback. Scutaro is riding an eight-game hitting streak.

Ricky Romero (2-2) was reached for six hits and five runs in four-plus innings for the Jays, who had won two straight on the heels of a nine-game slide.
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# Going Green

**Destructive computers**

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# Air quality index heralds summer

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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Summer is coming. It is the season of barbecues, canoes, lawnmowers, rollerblades, swimming and sunning. It is also the season where weather forecasters stop giving us the wind chill factor and start giving us the air quality index. What is the air quality index? What causes the air quality to decline on some days in the summer? What does it mean to us?

The air quality index in most areas is based on levels of common air pollutants, typically sulfur dioxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, total reduced sulfur compounds, carbon monoxide and fine particulate matter.

Sulfur dioxide comes mostly from smelters and from electricity generation. It can cause breathing problems and respiratory illnesses.

Ozone in the ozone layer is a good thing, but at ground surface it is a major component of smog. Ozone is not emitted by any industries, rather it forms from a reaction between nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds (often solvents). Ozone irritates the respiratory tract and eyes.

Nitrogen dioxide comes mostly from emissions from vehicles.

Reduced sulfur compounds are compounds that create a rotten egg or cabbage smell. They come mostly from the pulp and paper or steel industries. These compounds are not considered a health hazard but their strong odour gets them into the air quality index.

Carbon monoxide is an odourless poisonous gas that is produced through the burning of fossil fuels. Most of the carbon monoxide in the atmosphere comes from vehicles.

Particulate matter includes aerosols, smoke, fumes, dust, ash and pollen. Most particulate matter in the atmosphere is from combustion (vehicles, power generation and other burning).

In general people with asthma or chronic heart or lung disease are more sensitive to poor air quality. Particulate matter can have serious health effects and causes hospitalizations and even death in sensitive people (asthma, heart or lung disease, children, the elderly).

So why is all this worse in the summer time? There are two reasons for this.

One is that the reaction that forms ozone takes place only in the presence of sunlight. The more sunlight, the more ozone is formed. And there is just more sunshine in the summer.

The other reason is that stagnant air masses are more likely to develop in summer.

Contaminants produced in dense population centres hangs over those centres rather than being blown away.

So what can we do to make the air we breathe better? Many of the impacts come from vehicles, so driving better-tuned cars or driving less, carpooling and avoiding the use of gas-powered lawn mowers can all help.

Electricity generation is another culprit so the less electricity we use, the less they have to generate which means less air pollution.

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- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face.
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- Upgrade faucets. New models can save up to 30 per cent more water.
- Install a modern, low-flow or dual-flush toilet that can reduce water consumption dramatically.
- Encourage family members to reuse bath towels at least two times. Look for decorative, functional hooks that will keep them hung neatly and allow them to dry quickly.

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**Calls for more apprenticeships in B.C.**
Given the current recession, now is the time for an intensified focus on apprenticeship training, according to an information campaign launched yesterday by B.C.'s Industry Training Authority and its partners. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Workology

## Learning index dropping

**Canada's overall score on the Canadian Council on Learning's Composite Learning Index has dropped for the first time. The national average for 2009 is 75, down from 77 last year. Calgary was the top performing city with a score of 89, followed by Victoria with 88 and Saskatoon with 86. The CLI measures youth literacy, PSE participation, high-school dropout rates, job-related training, and Internet access.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Heralding trumpeters' return

OddJobs
Diane Peters

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Harry Lumsden is 86 and has been formally retired for more than 20 years. But he can still wrestle a trumpeter swan almost as fast as his daughter.

Don't worry, he doesn't wrestle them for fun or sport. It's to tag the large birds so they can be counted and tracked.

Lumsden grew up in Scotland and always loved animals. He visited Canada during the Second World War when he was a member of the Royal Air Force. He liked the country and was offered a job with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in 1948. "They couldn't get any biologist from universities, there were no graduates after the war. They took a gamble on me," he says.

In the 40 years he spent with the ministry as a research scientist, Lumsden worked with geese, ducks, grouse and deer. In 1982, while working out of a research station in Maple, Ont., Lumsden and his colleagues were assigned the task of bringing trumpeter swans back to the province.

Trumpeter swans are the largest waterfowl in the world (smaller mute swans are much more common: they have an orange beak with a knob on it while trumpeters have a black one) and they had been heavily hunted in Ontario since the 1700s. The very last one was shot at Long Point in 1886. "A part of our heritage was destroyed," says Lumsden.

To start, Lumsden got eggs from Alberta, hatched them in incubators and used mute swans to raise the cygnets.

Later, he bought breeding pairs from the United States.

He set the swans up on ponds near Maple (the locals, usually farmers who owned the ponds, would keep an eye on them and feed them) and they multiplied over the years.

When Lumsden retired in 1988, he arranged with the ministry to keep on with his work. He still tags, tracks and organizes data — which has just recently been put on computer — on the now 1,400 trumpeter swans in the province. His daughter Diana helps him out, particularly with computer-related work.

Volunteers at Wye Marsh in Midland and La Salle Park in Burlington, Ont. — where 160 trumpet and 100 mute swans lived last winter — help tag and feed the swans.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Trumpeter swans are being reintroduced to Ontario with the help of Harry Lumsden.

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**Spielberg going 3-D in 2011**

Steven Spielberg's 3-D debut, The Adventures Of Tintin: The Secret Of The Unicorn, has finally got a release date. The film will hit theatres on Dec. 23, 2011, which currently puts it up against Disney/Pixar's The Bear And The Bow, and George Miller's Happy Feet 2. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

# Entertainment

## Head injury

**Angelina Jolie was taken to hospital Friday after getting hurt on the set of her new movie, TMZ.com reports. She was filming scenes for the thriller, Salt, in New York when she bumped her head.** **USMAGAZINE.COM**

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# Reeves in child row

## Woman seeks child support

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A Barrie woman is seeking a DNA sample from Keanu Reeves.

**A Barrie, Ont., woman has filed a request to an Ontario court to compel actor Keanu Reeves to provide a DNA sample as part of a bid to get support for herself and her four children.**

Karen Sala, 46, who is acting as her own lawyer, filed notice in the Superior Court of Justice family branch. Legal papers were served on Reeves' business manager in Los Angeles. The first court date for the case is July 6 in Barrie.

"I'm pissed. I just want him to stand up and be a man," Sala said .

A spokesperson for the actor said Reeves denies even knowing Sala and strongly rejects her claims. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Sala said she has tried "privately" over the years to persuade Reeves to provide support.

She said she has known him since she was nine years old and he was seven.

With her children, aged 20 to 25, in post-secondary schools, Sala said she could use financial support to help them complete their education.

Sala said her children would like to know the truth about who their father is and she is launching the suit to seek "closure."

"They grew up with the ex's family always saying they weren't his, so they had to contend with that," she said.

In addition to the DNA test, Sala is seeking child support of $150,000 per month, retroactive to June 1988, as well as $3 million per month in spousal support retroactive to November 2006.

A Los Angeles spokesperson for Reeves issued a statement denying her allegations. "Karen Sala's allegations are completely false and absurd. Mr. Reeves has no knowledge of who she is," Cheryl Maisel said in a statement.

Paul Knell, Reeves' Los Angeles business manager, questioned Sala's motives, noting that all four children are now adults.

"Before you disparage my client and lend validity to this, there's clearly something wrong with someone who claims child support after all the kids have grown. I'm just pointing that out," Knell said.

Knell said his client will undoubtedly become a target of tabloid speculation as a result of Sala's suit.

"He (Reeves) is a high-profile person in Hollywood so people come out of the woodwork. I'll leave it at that," Knell said.

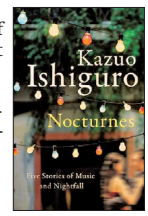
Reeves, 44, was born in Beirut, Lebanon, but lived in Toronto with his mother until he moved to Hollywood in the late '80s. His current address in the court documents is in West Hollywood. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Short stories explore love and life meaning

## BookPicks

### Nocturnes

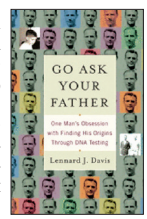
**Author:** Kazuo Ishiguro
**Publisher:** Bantam
**Price:** $29.95 (Hardcover)




Through a series of five short stories, Booker Prize-winning author Kazuo Ishiguro explores maintaining love and meaning in life in Nocturnes. Music underlies each story, from Crooner, in which a man serenades the wife he's set to divorce in a gondola in Venice, to Nocturne, in which the wife from the first story meets a guitarist at a hotel in Hollywood, both of them there to receive facelift operations. Nocturnes takes the reader on a worldwide trip through Italy, Spain, England and America, sharing interconnected tales that, however unlikely, inspire reflection on life.

### Go Ask Your Father

**Editors:** Lennard J. Davis
**Publisher:** Bantam
**Price:** $28.95 (Hardcover)




If you were told that the man who purported to be your father wasn't, what would you do? Lennard J. Davis was forced to answer that question when his uncle Abie told Davis that his real dad came via artificial insemination, and was not the recently deceased man who claimed to be. Go Ask Your Father recounts Davis' journey to find the identity of his father and contains both scientific research and philosophical ruminations on the relationship between identity and genetic reality.

### The Late, Lamented Molly Marx

**Author:** Sally Koslow
**Publisher:** Ballantine Books
**Price:** $28.95 (Hardcover)

From beyond the grave, Molly Marx has access to more truth than she ever had in life. Dead at 35 from a bicycle accident, she's now able to watch those close to her in life, and discover just how authentic some of her loved ones are. While some of her findings are discouraging, like the more than doctor-patient relationships her plastic surgeon husband Barry enjoys with his clients, Marx finds satisfaction in seeing the effects of her motherhood on Annabel, the infant daughter she left behind.

**BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA**

# Tonight host O'Brien ushers in new late night era

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**Tonight, longtime Late Night host Conan O'Brien finally ascends the comedy ladder, sitting down behind the desk of the Tonight Show stepping into one of the most secure jobs in Hollywood.**

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Catch Conan O'Brien's debut as the new Tonight Show host tonight.

But before he even had a chance to end his 16-plus-year run on Late Night, the man he was taking over for made off with a bit of the spotlight. Late last year, Jay Leno announced he'd be staying at NBC with a modified talk show airing at 10 p.m. beginning next fall. If O'Brien felt at all slighted by the move, though, he doesn't let it show. "Jay's staying with the network and going to 10 p.m. has actually made the transition easier, because he's happy and I'm happy, and that's actually been kind of a godsend," O'Brien says.

He and Leno have always been chummy, which O'Brien puts down to their common roots. "Nobody's quite figured out why so many people from Massachusetts go into comedy," he says. "I don't know if it's growing up with the perpetual disappointment of the Boston Red Sox, or if it's the seven-month winter, but there's something about growing up in that environment that pushes you very hard to find what's humorous in life."

What most people have been bugging O'Brien about is how his material will make the transition to the earlier timeslot. He isn't worried. "People can overstate the idea that there's a comedy barrier that separates 11:30 and 12:30 and that you'll ignite antimatter if you bring 12:30 into 11:30," he says. "I think a lot of that's overblown."

# Clooney, Hanks urge yes vote on actors' contract

**DEALS** Some 500 actors, including George Clooney and Tom Hanks, urged members of the largest U.S. actors union to vote "yes" on a new contract with Hollywood's major studios Friday.

In a statement released by the 120,000-member Screen Actors Guild, signers "wholeheartedly recommend that SAG members VOTE YES on our tentative Television and Theatrical Contracts." It ends with "I urge you to VOTE YES on this contract."

SAG had been embroiled in a bitter labor dispute with major film and television studios for nearly a year until last month when its contract negotiators reached an agreement over a new labour accord. **REUTERS**

**Die Hard comic prequel**
Boom! Studios is releasing a Die Hard comic-book prequel, called Die Hard: Year One, this August. The story follows a younger John McClane, as a rookie cop in New York during the 1976 Biccentenial celebrations. EMPIREONLINE.COM

# Spector gets 19 years to life

## Music producer still maintains his innocence in Clarkson death

**Still maintaining his innocence, music producer Phil Spector was sentenced Friday to at least 19 years in prison for the 2003 murder of a Hollywood actress and could spend the rest of his life behind bars.**

Spector, 69, who revolutionized pop music in the 1960s with his layered "Wall of Sound" production technique, was convicted in April of second-degree murder after a second trial. The first trial deadlocked in 2007.

Lana Clarkson, 40, a B-movie actress, died of a shot to the mouth, fired from Spector's gun in the foyer of his mock castle home outside Los Angeles on Feb. 3, 2003. The two met hours earlier at a Hollywood nightclub.

Spector, wearing a black suit and looking pale and tense, showed no emotion when Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler sentenced him to 19 years to life in prison.

He must spend 19 years behind bars before he is eligible for parole. At that time, Spector will be 88.

Spector's defense team immediately filed an appeal. His fourth wife Rachelle Short, 28, a model/actress who Spector quietly married in 2006, said her husband was "very sad and very upset."

She told reporters that prosecutors at the two long trials had "made him into a monster." But she said the man she knows is "the most kind and giving and generous man that I have ever met in my life."

The reclusive producer, who worked with The Ronettes, The Beatles, Cher and Leonard Cohen at the height of his fame, did not testify at either trial. His defense team said in court papers filed this week that Spector insists "he did not kill Lana Clarkson, and he is not responsible for her death."

But prosecutors claimed Clarkson's shooting fit a pattern of gun play and violence Spector had displayed toward women for years, saying he had a problem with rage and was "a bully."

Music producer Phil Spector was sentenced for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson.

Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson said he was confident the guilty verdict would stand, telling reporters on Friday: "I believe this case is as rock solid as any prosecution this office has ever undertaken."

Spector's lawyers claimed Clarkson was depressed about her career and committed suicide by shooting herself in the mouth.

Defense attorney Doron Weinberg said he was very worried about Spector's health. He told reporters Spector had emergency surgery earlier this week to remove precancerous polyps from his vocal chords.

Clarkson worked as a hostess at the House of Blues in West Hollywood when she met the man who produced songs like the Righteous Brothers' hit You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin. Clarkson starred in the movies Barbarian Queen and Amazon Women on the Moon.

Clarkson's family has also filed a wrongful death civil suit against Spector, which has yet to be heard.

"The impact of Lana's loss has changed all of our lives. All of our plans together are destroyed. Now I can only visit her at the cemetery," Clarkson's mother, Donna, told the court before sentencing.

REUTERS

For complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and tickets, visit:
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## Entertainment in brief

**MUSIC** Black Sabbath frontman Ozzie Osbourne has sued his former band mate Tony Iommi over the ownership of the group's name. Osbourne, 60, filed a lawsuit in federal court in New York, on Tuesday accusing the guitarist of falsely claiming to be the sole owner of the name. REUTERS

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Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Up:** $68.2 million US
2. **Night at the Museum:** $25.5 million
3. **Drag Me To Hell:** $16.6 million
4. **Terminator Salvation:** $16.1 million
5. **Star Trek:** $12.8 million
6. **Angels & Demons:** $11.2 million
7. **Dance Flick:** $4.9 million
8. **X-Men Origins: Wolverine:** $3.9 million
9. **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past:** $1.9 million
10. **Obsessed:** $0.6 million

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| | 205 | 312 | 104 | CTV | Hollywood | etalk | Big Bang Th | Gary Unmarr | Two/Half Men | Old Christine | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | News (N) |
| news | 502 | 390 | 26 | NW | CBC News | Newman | The Hour | | CBC News: The National | | CBC News: The National | | National |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Campbell Brown: No Bias | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| sports | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | Best Damn Top 50 Special | | Week-Baseball | UFC: Access | Best Damn Sports Show | | Sportsnet Connected | | Hockey Central |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | 24 Heures en 60 minutes | | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
| | 400 | 280 | 30 | TSN | That's Hockey | World Series of Poker: Europe | | NBA Basketball: | Eastern Conference Final Game 7 -- Magic at Cavaliers | | | | SportsCentre |
| | 410 | 403 | 52 | SCR | RaceNight | | | | (9:15) WWE Monday Night Raw | | | | Score Tonight |
| | 411 | 457 | 56 | OLN | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Departures "Libya" | | Mantracker | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Departures |
| | 417 | 406 | 59 | SC | Pimp My Ride | Pass Time | This Week in NASCAR (N) | | SuperCars | SuperCars | Barrett-Jackson | | Car Crazy |
| family | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | Jimmy Two | Total Drama | 6TEEN | 6TEEN | Futurama | Punch | Robot Chicken | American Dad | Moral Orel |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Wizards-Place | Han. Montana | Zack & Cody | Latest Buzz | Wizards-Place | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
| | 551 | 542 | 65 | YTV | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | Malcolm-Mid. | Futurama | League-Evil | Zixx Level | Falcon Beach | | Mystery Hnt. |
| cable variety | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | The Daily Fix | | I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! (N) | | | | Entourage | I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out. | |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | Intervention "Jill" | | Intervention "Sharon" | | Intervention "Jeff" (N) | | Obsessed (HDTV) (N) | | Crime 360 |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | UFC Unleashed | | 4th and Long (HDTV) | | 4th and Long (HDTV) | | 4th and Long "Game Day" (N) | | Pros vs. Joes |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 | TLC | Little Couple | Little Couple | Jon & Kate Plus 8 | | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Cake Boss (N) | Cake Boss | Jon & Kate |
| | 145 | 761 | 35 | TV5 | Clara Sheller | | Les Grandes découvertes culturelles | | | | Club social | | Journal TV5 |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Outer Limits | | Cashing In | Kink in Hair | *The Last Templar* ★ (2009, Adventure) Mira Sorvino. | | | | House |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Celia Franca: A Tour de Force | | Vida Y Danza, Cuba | | Paul Potts-Royal | | Body-Goldberg Variation | | Law & Order |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | Daily Planet (N) | | MythBusters | | Dirty Jobs (N) | | Canada's Worst Handyman (N) | | Daily Planet |
| | 575 | 583 | 43 | CMT | Cheer Moms | Cheer Moms | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Greatest |
| | 601 | 562 | 45 | SLC | Skin Deep | Til Debt-Part | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | Wedding SOS | My Wardrobe | So Chic | ET Canada |
| | 625 | 548 | 46 | COM | Air Farce | Just for Laughs | | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | Pete Correale: Things We Do | | Daily Show |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | Friends | Friends | *Murder at 1600* ★★ (1997, Suspense) Wesley Snipes. | | | | Seinfeld |
| | 600 | 564 | 49 | H&G | House Hunters | Property Virgin | For Rent | Income Prop. | Property Virgin | My First Place | House Hunters | House Hunters | Holmes-Homes |
| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Stargate Atlantis (DVS) | | Star Trek: Voyager | | *Twister* ★★★ (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. Premiere. | | | | |
| | 581 | 566 | 53 | MTV | The Hills | | 2009 MTV Movie Awards (HDTV) | | | | The Hills | | Movie Awards |
| | 618 | 524 | 54 | TROP | Once a Thief | | Carlawood (N) | Prod. Parker | Ground Up | | Are You Smarter | | Weekend |
| | 522 | 506 | 55 | HIS | NCIS "Recoil" | | Tank Overhaul | | For King and Country | | NCIS "Recoil" | | Deep Wreck |
| | 129 | 773 | 60 | CD | Biographies | | Paradis perdus (HDTV) | | Images-chocs | | Scènes de crime (HDTV) | | National Geo |
| | 261 | 394 | 61 | V | Murder, She Wrote | | Green Grass | May-December | Rabbit Fall | Get-Famously | Twist of Faith | Clergy | Poltergeist |
| | 602 | 567 | 62 | W | How Clean | Friends | How Clean | Kim | Love It or List It | | The Agents (N) | House | Maxed Out |
| | 269 | 350 | 70 | APTN | Notre Peuple "Sans Reserve" | | Tam | Pachamama | *L'Aventurier du Grand Nord* ★ (2001, Comédie) Skeet Ulrich. | | | | Tshinanu |
| | 621 | 527 | 71 | TLK | The Ellen DeGeneres Show | | TMZ (N) | etalk | Canada's Next Top Model | | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | TMZ |
| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | Chef at Home | Chuck-Day Off | Food Jammers | Glutton-Punish. | Food Detective | Get on Plate | 100 Mile Challenge | | Restaurant |

## critics'corner

**Paul Potts: By Royal Command**
As "Britain's Got Talent" wraps up its third season this weekend, this special catches up with the man who took the big prize in season one. Potts, a cellphone salesman from Bristol, England, wowed the crowd with his rendition of Puccini's "Nessun Dorma." 9 PM on 40 BVO

**Intervention**
Jeff, a firefighter, once heroically saved his partner's life, but the nerve-racking experience left him traumatized and drinking more heavily. Now 40, Jeff has been rushed to the hospital several times for alcohol-induced seizures. 9 PM on 31 A&E

**Medium**
Allison doesn't frighten easily, but she is worried sick after she has a nightmare about a man comforting her following the massacre of the rest of her family — especially after she meets that same man in her waking life during an investigation in the season finale, "Bring Me the Head of Oswaldo Castillo." 10 PM on 9 NBC 6 SHRO

**Phat baby boy**

Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou are the proud parents of a baby boy. The Baby Phat CEO, 34, announced the big news on Twitter Saturday: "It's a boy! Thanks to everyone out there for all your well wishes," people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

# Candy explains 'deadly' dig at Tori

**FAMILY FEUD** Candy Spelling insists she didn't mean to stir up controversy by remarking Thursday that daughter Tori's actions contributed to the 2006 death of TV mogul Aaron Spelling, usmagazine.com reports.

In an interview with 94.7 WMAS in Springfield, Mass., Candy said Tori abandoned Aaron and "that's what killed my husband actually. He just didn't want to live after that. You know, he had done everything ... he could possibly do for his daughter and she wanted no part of him once he couldn't do anything for her."

Of her remarks, Candy said on huffingtonpost.com, "I didn't intend to create headlines. I was asked a question about my daughter not speaking with my family, and I answered truthfully."

"My husband was very ill, and he had stopped eating and taking liquids. He called Tori on a daily basis, and never stopped asking if Tori had returned his call. We had to say no every day," she went on.

Of making such an outlandish remark, Candy now says, "I should have known better, but it is the truth."

The mother and daughter have been estranged for some time. Tori has never revealed the reason they don't talk. Instead, she has vaguely said they just "don't go together."

In April, Candy — who released her frank memoir Stories From Candyland a few weeks before Tori debuted her book, Mommyhood — posted a public letter to Tori on her website, pushing for a reconciliation. "I want to see you and your family — in private, like the 'normal family' you say always wanted," pleaded Candy, who said she has met Tori's son Liam, 2, but never met daughter Stella, 11 months.

Tori told usmagazine.com in April: "If I said one thing to my mother, it wouldn't be public because if she does intend to have a relationship with her grandchildren — which I am totally open to — I just would like her to approach us privately."

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## Paparazzo sues Britney for injury

**SETBACK** Just as Britney Spears is trying to get her life and career back on track, she's being slapped with another lawsuit.

This time, photographer Rick Mendoza is suing the singer for running over his foot while pulling out of a Beverly Hills parking lot in 2007, according to TMZ.

"Britney was not in the mental, emotional and/or physical condition to operate the subject motor vehicle in a safe and reasonable manner," the suit claims.

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# Jon and Kate broke child labour laws?

**HOT WATER** The scandal continues for Jon and Kate Gosselin, usmagazine.com reports.

On Friday, the Pennsylvania Department of Labour confirmed that an investigation is underway to determine if the hit TLC show Jon & Kate Plus 8 is violating child labour laws after receiving a complaint against the show.

"We're not saying that they are not complying with child labour laws. We're investigating a complaint," Troy Thompson of the Pennsylvania Department of Labour told usmagazine.com. "We're not saying that there was or was not a violation, just that we're conducting an investigation."

In a statement, a TLC rep said: "TLC fully complies with all applicable laws and regulations. Jon and Kate Plus 8 is no exception. For an extended period of time, we have been engaged in co-operative discussions and supplied all requested information to the Pennsylvania Department of Labour. We will continue to engage the appropriate officials and meet any standards or regulations that are applicable to TLC productions."

The reality show — for which Jon and Kate earn $50,000 US to $75,000 an episode — features their eight children, including eight-year-old twins and sextuplets, who just turned five.

Last week, Kate's brother and sister-in-law said they fear the emotional toll the show is taking on the children. "They're being viewed as a commodity," younger brother Kevin Kreider told CBS' Early Show.

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## Racy photos cost Rihanna Vogue cover?

**CONSEQUENCE** Naked photos that supposedly show Rihanna frolicking in a hotel room with Chris Brown that leaked last month may have cost the singer a shot at appearing on the cover of Vogue.

Rihanna met with Vogue editor Anna Wintour at the recent Met Costume Gala and really hit it off. "Anna told her Vogue absolutely loves her and really wanted to work with her. Rihanna was ecstatic," a source tells Star magazine.

But after the racy photos surfaced, "Anna hasn't returned any of her calls. Rihanna's so upset. ... She hopes the people at Vogue change their minds."

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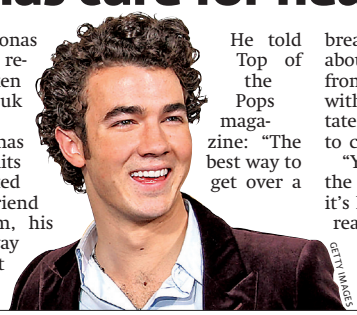
# The Jonas cure for heartbreak

**LOVE ADVICE** Kevin Jonas was sent to camp to recover from his broken heart, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 21-year-old Jonas Brothers singer admits he was so devastated when his girlfriend broke up with him, his mother sent him away to help him forget about her.



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He told Top of the Pops magazine: "The best way to get over a breakup is not thinking about it and getting away from it. A girl broke up with me and I was devastated, so my mom sent me to camp. It was awesome.

"You learn that it's not the end of the world, and it's hard, but you've got to realize it does get better."

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## Brad's new pet name for Mel

**FRIENDSHIP** Looks like Brad Pitt has found a new celeb to heckle: Mel Gibson, usmagazine.com reports.

The actor poked fun at Gibson's 2006 DUI arrest at Spike TV's Guys Choice Awards Saturday in L.A.

Gibson opened the show riding in on a horse and wearing a Viking helmet. He then introduced Pitt's 1999 film Fight Club, which was inducted into the Guy Hall of Fame.

"Thanks, sugar t—!" Pitt told Gibson as he accepted the award. (When he was arrested for DUI, Gibson reportedly called a female police officer "sugar t—.")

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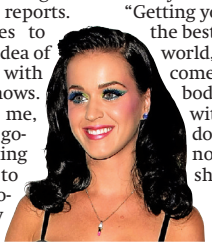
## Katy says no to casual sex

**PRINCIPLES** Pop star Katy Perry will never have a night of passion with a stranger, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer loves to flirt but hates the idea of getting intimate with guys she barely knows.

She said, "For me, it's not a pastime, going out and meeting people and trying to hook up with people. That actually makes me feel disgusting. From a really early age, I was really sensitive to that.

"Getting your flirt on is the best thing in the world, but when it comes to sharing bodily fluids with a person I don't know — no thank you," she said.



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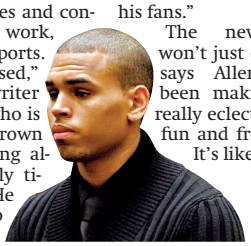
## Chris soldiers on with music

**MOVING ON** A friend of Chris Brown says the singer is working to move on from his legal troubles and concentrating on work, people.com reports.

"Chris is focused," said songwriter Robert Allen, who is working with Brown on his upcoming album, tentatively titled Graffiti. "He knows how to deal with whatever is going on and is willing to do what he has to do to please his fans."



The new album won't just cover R&B, says Allen. "We've been making things really eclectic ... really fun and free-spirited. It's like a collage."

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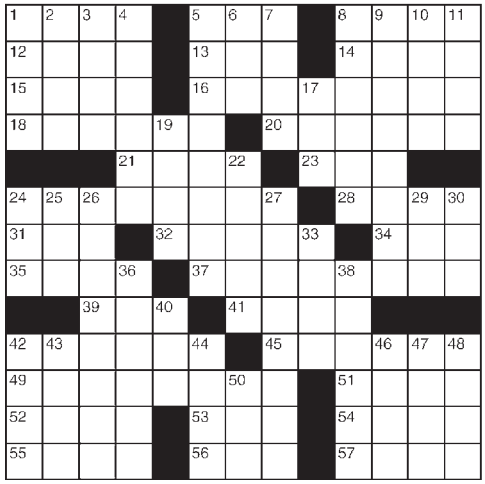

## Crossword across

1 Neatnik's bane
5 Navigation aid
8 Small plateau
12 Hippocratic, e.g.
13 Blackbird
14 Previous nights
15 Wound reminder
16 Lunchbox occupant
18 Tears to smithereens
20 Culpable
21 Cry
23 Conclusion
24 "Chicago Poems" writer
28 Suitable
31 Ostrich's cousin
32 Attempted
34 Away from WSW
35 Grand story
37 Resin used in making varnish
39 Drunkard
41 Intend
42 Noah's mountain
45 "Monty —"
49 Where the Chargers play
51 Rabbit
52 Not pizzicato
53 Modern prefix
54 Greek vowels
55 Hammerhead part
56 — Aviv
57 Thaw

## Crossword down

1 Rolling stone's lack
2 Apiece
3 Luminary
4 Crafty
5 Rubbers?
6 Literary collection
7 Pong preceder
8 Kitten's commentary
9 Villain
10 Denomination
11 Wan
17 Payable
19 Amount owed
22 Trojan War king
24 Glimpse
25 Rock band's need
26 Pest
27 Interbreeding data
29 — budget
30 Year-end abbr.
33 Crucial time
36 Rope (off)
38 Country song?
40 Skater Babilonia
42 Pronto, on a memo
43 Exceptional
44 Circus covering
46 Loathe
47 Exam format
48 Egg container
50 "Golly!"

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| | | 6 | | 3 | | 9 | 1 | |

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
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| 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 2 |

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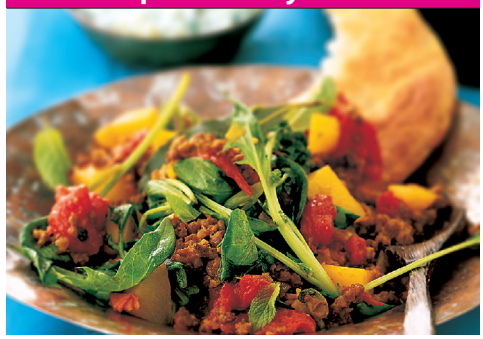
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Ground Beef Curry

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
1 onion, minced
4 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
3 garlic cloves, chopped
1 in. (2.5 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and minced
1 cinnamon stick, halved
1 tsp (5 ml) ground turmeric
1 tsp (5 ml) cumin seeds, roughly crushed
1 tsp (5 ml) coriander seeds, roughly crushed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried red chili flakes
1 can (14 oz/398 ml) crushed tomatoes
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) beef or lamb stock
1/2 bag (5 1/2 oz/150 g) baby leaf spinach
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh mint leaves

**RAITA**

2/3 cup (150 ml) plain low-fat yogourt
1/4 cucumber, finely diced
4 tsp (20 ml) chopped fresh mint

**METHOD:**

1. Put beef and onion in large pot over medium heat and sauté until brown, stirring to break up meat, 5 minutes. Add potatoes, garlic, ginger and spices; sauté 2 minutes longer. Add tomatoes and stock and season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, make raita. Mix yogourt, cucumber and mint together with little seasoning. Spoon into bowl and chill until required.
3. Stir spinach into curry and heat through 1 minute. Taste and adjust seasoning, if necessary. Spoon curry onto warm plates and sprinkle with fresh mint leaves. Serve immediately with chilled raita.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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**ARIES** ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It is possible to be too nice for your own good. Be generous with time and sympathy, but don't forget there is only so much you can do for others.

**TAURUS** ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Today you will see with the utmost clarity what it is you should be doing. With the favour of Mercury, the planet of the mind, it's time to get serious.

**GEMINI** ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
This is one of the best times of the year for you and it will get even better this week as the Sun moves deeper into your sign.

**CANCER** ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You need to put behind you the fears that have been making your life less than enjoyable of late. All of them, without exception, have no basis in reality.

**LEO** ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may seem as if you have no control over what is going on in your environment but even if it's true there is no need to be worried about it.

**VIRGO** ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you stay calm today you can't fail, but make a good impression on employers and other important people. You will be the picture of poise and purpose.

**LIBRA** ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Creatively and romantically you have a lot going for you now that the Sun is transiting your fellow Air sign of Gemini.

**SCORPIO** ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Knowledge is power, or so they say, and a rather interesting fact you learn over the next 24 hours will confirm the truth of that old adage.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There is no need to feel guilty about wanting to get away from your duties and chores for a while now that Mercury is moving through your chart.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You know what changes need to be made in your life and you know that the sooner you make them the better off you will be, emotionally and financially.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The next three weeks or so, while the Sun transits the most dynamic area of your chart, are potentially the best of the year for you.

**PISCES** ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your feelings tend to be a bit fragile at this time of year but that is not an excuse to deliberately avoid challenging situations.

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